Study on Handicrafts

1080. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study on the different kind of handicrafts made in Rajasthan and Orissa which are popular in International markets;

(b) if so, the details of the study made in that regard; and

(c) the steps taken or purposed to be taken by Government to promote and popularise these handicrafts in different countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government constantly reviews the export performance and potential of different categories of handicrafts popular in the international market, including those from Rajasthan and Orissa. Some of the studies of Rajasthan & Orissa Handicrafts undertaken in the post covered tie and dye, woollen carpet, ivory carving, hand-woven textiles, marble work, lac bangle, handicrafts of Puri silver, filigree craft of Cuttack and horn industry. More recently, a project for documentation of stone crafts of India including Rajasthan and Orissa have been sanctioned to the Crafts Council of India and two projects for survey of folk art and Saurya Painting of Orissa were sanctioned to the Crafts Council of Orissa and a report on the Economic Status of Handicrafts artisans including those from these two states, commissioned through the National Council of Applied Economic Research.

(c) The steps taken to promote and popularise handicrafts including those from Rajasthan and Orissa in different countries include:

(i) Seminars to educate local exporters of Marble Hindicrafts, hand printed textiles and made ups thereof, India items etc.

(ii) Export publicity campaign, participation in fairs, trade delegations, buyer seller meets and exhibitions through the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council etc.

(iii) Exposure of the handicrafts of Rajasthan and Orissa through catalogues brought out by the Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation of India Ltd. and the Orissa State Co-operative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd. and through brochures of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and commercial promotion and activities of the Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation.

(iv) Training Programme to acquaint exporters with export procedures and documentation.

हाथ करघा बनकरों के लिए योजना

1081. **श्री विनोद शर्मा** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 29 मई, 1992 को "दि स्टेट्समैन" में "इकोनोमिक कंडीशन अनचेंज्ड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा हथकरघा उद्योग में कार्यरत बुनकरों के लिए अनेक सुविधाओं की घोषणा किए जाने के बावजूद उन्हें इन सुविधाओं का लाभ नहीं मिल सका है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस मामले की जांच करने तथा बुनकरों के लाभ के लिए विकल्पों का सुझाव देने हेतु कोई समिति गठित की है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?